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SUBJECT: RWANDA: UNAMIR UPDATE FROM UN HQ

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT
- 2. SUMMARY: US AMB INDERFURTH MET ON 1 JULY 1994 WITH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR PEACEKEEPING RIZA AND UN MILAD BARIL TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF EFFORTS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO FIELD ADDITIONAL FORCES FOR UNAMIR. PROGRESS WAS
CITED IN MOVING THE GHANAIAN BATTALION, WITH
PLANNING CONTINUING FOR ADDITIONAL FORCES. END
SUMMARY.

3. MILAD BARIL STATED THAT THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GHANA HAD ADVISED THE UN THAT THEIR TROOPS FOR UNAMIR WOULD BE READY TO DEPLOY IN THE NEXT WEEK. AN INITIAL CONTINGENT OF 150 TROOPS WOULD BE READY, INCLUDING 30 SOLDIERS TO DEPLOY TO UNISOM II FOR TRAINING IN DRIVER RELATED MAINTENANCE ON APCS, A

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PROGRAM THAT WILL TAKE JUST UNDER TWO WEEKS, AND 20 INDIVIDUALS DESIGNED AS DRIVERS FOR APCS. DRIVER TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN KIGALI. BARIL RECONFIRMED THAT TRAINING IN BOTH LOCALES IS READY TO BEGIN AT ONCE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE BATTALION FROM GHANA, INCLUDING THE CONTINGENT NOW IN RWANDA, WILL REACH ITS FULL OPERATING STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 480 TROOPS IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD. GHANA HAS INDICATED IT WILL PROVIDE ITS OWN TRANSPORTATION INTO THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS, USING IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH, THE UN REPS REPLIED THAT THE ORDER AND COMPOSITION OF FOLLOW ON TROOPS WOULD BE DETERMINED BY WHICH FORCE COULD BE READIED FIRST. INITIAL THOUGHTS WERE THAT ZIMBABWE WOULD BE NEXT TO DEPLOY. BUT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE THAT NIGERIA WILL BE READY TO DEPLOY FIRST, AS EARLY AS THE END OF THIS MONTH WITH A UNIT OF APPROXIMATELY 300 TROOPS. FOLLOWING NIGERIA AND ZIMBABWE, THE NEXT LIKELY CONTRIBUTORS ARE TUNISIA (WHICH CITES A LACK OF MUCH EQUIPMENT) CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 USUN N 02744 012317Z AND ETHIOPIA (WHICH ORIGINALLY PLEDGED EQUIPPED TROOPS, BUT NOW CITES A LACK OF TRUCKS FOR ITS BATTALION).

- 5. MILAD BARIL AGAIN CITED THE IMPORTANCE HE PLACED ON A SECOND GROUP OF USG PROVIDED APCS (40) BEING AVAILABLE. AFTER CANVASSING POSSIBLE DONORS, THE ONLY OFFERS TO DATE HAVE BEEN THE 50 USG APCS NOW DELIVERED AND 50 LIGHTLY ARMORED TRUCKS FROM SOUTH AFRICA. COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE NIGERIAN TROOPS WILL BRING VEHICLES WITH THEM. THEY ARE NORMALLY EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTLY ARMORED WHEELED VEHICLES. END COMMENT. THE UN HOPES TO EQUIP TWO BATTALIONS WITH APCS AND A THIRD WITH LIGHTLY ARMORED VEHICLES. ANY ADDITIONAL TROOPS WOULD BE TRUCK TRANSPORTED OR DISMOUNTED INFANTRY. THE EXPECTATION IS THAT SENEGAL, SHOULD IT BE AVAILABLE AFTER OPERATION TURQUOISE, WILL BE SUPPLIED BY FRANCE.
- 6. THE US REP RENEWED OUR OFFER TO APPROACH OTHER STATES IN CAPITALS WHERE THE UN WOULD FIND THAT USEFUL. THE UN ASKED THAT THE USG CONTINUE TO URGE GHANA TO FIELD ITS TROOPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO

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URGE NIGERIA TO FOLLOW SUIT QUICKLY. THEY ALSO INQUIRED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USG APPROACHING THE GULF STATES FOR POSSIBLE EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS. THE UN WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT BEING PROVIDED TO THE UN AT THE TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS TURQUOISE.

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7. THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT BOTH TROOP AND EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTORS CONTINUE TO WATCH THE US RESPONSE, AND THAT A NUMBER ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN UNCOMMITTED UNTIL THE US RESPONSE TO UN REQUESTS IS COMPLETED. ALBRIGHT

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